

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of  
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**REPLY AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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**A. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Responsive to the Final Office Action of August 28, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the outstanding rejections and reexamination of the present application in light of the following amendments and remarks. In particular, Applicants submit a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 with the required fee and this reply to the final office action, meeting the reply requirements of 37 CFR 1.111.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.